

# The Bystander

Comment, Wise and  
Otherwise, on the News

## A Military Governor!

Speaking about new Governors, how would you like to have Brigadier-General Funston named? At the present moment, in some circles, there is an idea prevailing that when Governor Frear finally steps down and out it will be to hand the reins over to a military man, to be the head of all that is doing in the Territory. Some people are under the impression that President Wilson's and Secretary Lane's fooling with the governorship is only intended to mark time until the occasion arises when the general in command of the Department of Hawaii will be given civil as well as military jurisdiction over the group. It is a fact, well known to many, that the war department has had plans carefully considered and drawn up for the taking over of the territorial government by the war department from the department of the interior, although Secretary Fisher told me that he had never heard the matter mentioned. Of course, Mr. Fisher was in office only for a short while and may not have had his attention drawn to all that his predecessor had done. It is certain that Secretary Ballinger knew about it, because he talked it over with more than one Honolulu at the Capital.

Naturally, Honolulu does not want any military government, and this is not because of anything anyone has against General Funston. As a matter of fact, if there should be such a thing, we would rather have Funston than about any other military officer, with the possible exception of General Macomb, who has been here long enough to be a much-liked man. General Funston is so well known around the world, however, that there would be some credit in having him take hold of things. He also knows considerable outside of military circles.

A mean person, with the recollection of some events of the not too ancient past in mind, might say something in this connection about "the unwhipped mob" remark and the invasion of Nevada, but it will be time enough to get around to that when rumor becomes something more substantial. In the meanwhile, the rumor will furnish room for thought to those able to indulge in it.

## Champion Gets Reward at Last.

So Duke Kahanamoku has his house. I don't think it is the original house the committee started out to buy him, because that house must have become a ruin long ago. It is many a weary month since The Advertiser turned over to the "house committee" the biggest part of the fund raised for Hawaii's champion and from that day until the present the question of the money and the house has been a dark and mysterious secret. Every time it was mentioned to Rawlins he had to go to bed and call the doctor. Every time it was mentioned to Duke, he grinned. Every time a contributor thought of the matter he got disgusted. Never before in the history of Honolulu real estate was a deal put through with the solemnity, the secrecy, the meet-me-in-the-shade-of-the-old-oak stealth, as this purchase of Duke Kahanamoku's bower.

Those who subscribed to the fund will be glad to know, however, that Duke now takes his siestas under the shade of his own roof tree and the veil of mystery has been rent. It was time. People were commencing to get very curious about the whole business.

## Here's to You, Graduates!

Now comes the days when sweet girl graduates and not so sweet but just as important boy graduates achieve their final school triumph. But, don't make the mistake, my dear boy and sweet girl, of supposing that your certificate is a good and safe thing. Many a good fellow has been led to a bad end through that mistake, and you are liable to do the same, for while your diploma is new and fresh it looks to you to be good for anything and everything.

Don't be thus deceived, for at very most and best it is nothing more than a certificate to the effect that you have passed through a prescribed course of study and answered a certain percentage of questions.

The world won't ask about your studies, nor will it be at all particular about seeing your diploma. But depend upon being often asked what you can do, and its willingness to accept you will be according to your willingness to take employment in the world's work, and your success and comfort and happiness will depend upon the manner in which you do your work.

Don't imagine that you can stop for a year, or a day, or a moment, for time waits for no one, and it is time itself that is carrying you forward to your doom.

## A Rare Hawaiian.

"Lalakea" is a name that one hears rather frequently these days in connection with the Maquire unpleasantness in Hilo and malihinis have been borrowing Hawaiian dictionaries to discover just what it means. "Lalakea" is not a phrase, however, it is the name of one Hawaiian who has made money in the old-fashioned way of spending less than he took in. His case is so out of the ordinary that the Hawaii Herald goes into the following details concerning it:

"Lalakea, former county treasurer and now defendant in civil suits, growing out of the Hawaii financial investigation, is one of the most interesting Hawaiian characters in the whole island group. He is a capitalist, one of very few Hawaiians who have accumulated a fortune. Many an old resident of foreign birth, but of equal opportunities here cannot show for his residence in the islands such large riches as can this Hawaiian. Not only has Lalakea been a money maker, but also a money saver. Only that lure to so many Hawaiians—politics—has ever caused him to expend money for anything that did not seem almost a necessity.

"He had his start in a very small way—a way that has much of a likeness to the start of the great American railroad financier, George Gould. Lalakea did not peddle rat traps in his early youth, but he did sell something that was as much wanted by the people of his race as were the rat traps by Gould's customers. He was a wandering salesman of dried fish.

"Thirty or forty years ago, Lalakea was known up and down the coast of Hamakua and Kona as the 'fish man.' He would buy the fish from other natives near the sea coast and then tramp to sections where the native delicacy was not so common, disposing of it at a handsome profit.

"From this humble start and from his long walks about the island he conceived the idea—and saved the money—which led to his accumulating a fortune that is conservatively placed at, at least \$200,000, for on his own valuation, he last year paid as realty taxes the sum of \$1200.

"Perhaps if Lalakea was to tell you how he acquired his money he would say it was simple. Between the land selling people of his own race and the land wanting plantation haole was not difficult, to gather his riches, mostly of land.

"Having a few dollars for capital he began buying every piece of tillable property for which he could raise the money and then leased it to the plantations, but always he demanded of his tenants the full amount of his five, eight, or ten-year leases in advance. Often they demurred, but

he was as decided, in fact more so than they, and it was not long before all knew that this Hawaiian, in financial matters was clever and farseeing. In the end when the leases had expired he never failed to increase his rental in a most systematic and certain manner which a New York Jew would have envied. He knew that the cane ratoons had value and usually he advanced his price just sufficient to be a little less than the worth of the ratoons. When he could not buy land outright he loaned money and often in the course of time became the owner of the property by foreclosure proceedings.

"While Lalakea cannot speak English, attorneys say that he has all the sharpness of any Shylock when it comes to getting the meaning out of the wording of a deed, lease, or mortgage, whether it is written in English or Hawaiian.

"His tastes have always been simple and while he has raised a large family, fifty dollars a month has been probably all needed by him for living expenses and his present income is nearly \$600 a month. Needless to say most of this income goes to buying more land.

"The only extravagance he was ever known to indulge in was running for office. Financing the Home Rule campaign, one year, on this island cost him nearly \$2000 of which he never recovered a cent in payment, and now it looks as though his public office days are going to cost him a great deal more."

Roosevelt got six cents damages for injury done his character by a Michigan editor. This sum is just twenty-four cents too small.

It commences to look now as if the San Franciscans were putting the "band" in abandonment too soon, so far as Pearl Harbor is concerned.

It might save time and trouble if Secretary Lane could furnish specifications when calling for Democratic samples of governorship shape. He now has a politician, a butcher, a lawyer and a contractor to pick from, but appears to be waiting for a fulfilled angel to show up. He needn't wait.

With becoming modesty, John Cathcart arises and calls public attention to the city attorneyship and "the efficiency with which the office has undoubtedly been administered."

Duke takes less time to swim fifty yards than any man alive and more time to move into his new home than any man, dead or alive.

## Cynic's Calendar Evolved Here

Wilson Mizner has given London a sensation in the revue he has written in collaboration with Max Pemberton. It has, says the San Francisco News-Letter, taken the London public by storm, and is the real spectacle of his spectacular career. Wilson, it seems, is rising rapidly as a playwright of ability, and seems to be able to tackle anything from a melodrama to a musical comedy. His first real success was "The Deep Purple," in which he collaborated with Paul Armstrong, and his ability to rise as an associate of Pemberton seems to point to a future of assured success.

Since the annulment of his marriage to Mrs. Yerkes, he has been rapidly sealing the ladder of fame, until he is now regarded as one of California's brilliant luminaries. Several years ago, when he was basking in the fertile and torrid sun of Honolulu, he and Ethel Watts, who was not yet Mrs. Mumford, concocted the "Cynic's Calendar." The clever little booklet was gotten up really as a lark, but some friends urged Wilson to show it to a publisher, and it was immediately accepted, and since then there has been a new date book for cynics every year. While in the flower isle, Wilson met the Princess Abbie Kawanakoa, and showed her marked devotion. But the affair, precipitated by the tropical climate, congealed into a mere friendship when he came back to the States.

## THE LURE OF LONDON TOWN

By H. M. Ayres.

There's a snug little tavern in London town,  
With a flagged and a sanded floor,  
Which the Brighton coach lent no mean renown  
Ere its halcyon days were o'er;  
'Tis a sweet little inn, and the landlord bluff  
Keeps a welcome from olden days,  
And a flowered sill and an oaken till,  
And a potation that all men praise.

That's why we go back to London town:  
For the cheer of the olden days.

There's a gray church building in London town—  
Transept and column and spire;  
There are battle-flags all rent and brown,  
Dust-lung o'er an angel choir;  
Richly the sun through the stained glass pours,  
Where the lives of the Saints are told—  
Homage paid we as Christian knights  
As the saintly organ rolled.

That's why we go back to London town  
With life's banners all unrolled.

There's a quaint little garden in London town  
Where the rhododendrons blow,  
Hard set about, great buildings frown  
And crowds surge too and fro;  
There are hollyhocks and candytuft,  
Pansies and mignonette—  
Oh, their fragrance steals o'er the sundering miles  
And bids us not forget!

That's why we go back to London town:  
For the blossoms we can't forget.

There's a frail little lady in London town  
Who lives in an ancient square,  
Where the muffled bell sounds up and down,  
And who dresses in fashion rare;  
Daily she waits the postman's knock,  
And ever she'll watch and pray  
For a word from one who is her life's sun,  
Though an ocean's breadth away.

That's why we go back to London town  
Though a world and a half away.

Oh, tavern, and chapel, and garden fair!  
Oh, lady, so frail and gray!  
We hear you calling from yesteryear  
And we'll go back to you—some day;  
Oh, things we knew which were so worth while!  
You come to us each in his place:  
In a hymn or an inn or an old-world bloom,  
Or a smile on an old gray face.

And that's why we go back to London town—  
Each to his proper place.

Honolulu, May 30, 1913.

## Small Talks

**SENATOR H. A. BALDWIN.**—What the friends of sugar need about this time is one or two good Democratic wheelhorses in the senate at Washington.

**A. Q. MARCALLINO.**—They've gone; let them go. In any case, we have quite a few ball players left here and the Oahu League will manage to survive the recent defection.

**MISS RUTH STACKER.**—Despite the edict of Mr. Sullivan and the opposition of Mr. Rawlins, we will show them that woman has as much right in athletics as has the man.

**A. L. CASTLE.**—That was some ball we played with the Stars Friday and it is but a sample of the ball the fans will get when the new league gets down to action out at Moiliili Field.

**WILLIAM WELSH.**—Automobile drivers are up in arms at the miscreants who placed broken bottles on the road from Haleiwa, and if we catch them, they can expect a coat of tar and feathers.

**"JACK" CARLO.**—The next time Billy Welsh invites me for a ride around the island, he has got to have cold cream and other necessities for sunburn in the machine, for I was burned to a toast last Sunday.

**DAVID L. MEYER.**—Maui folks are expecting a big crowd from Honolulu for the Fourth of July races and we intend to see to it that they have the best of times, we also promise our race card will be one well worth the seeing.

**CONTRACTOR J. L. YOUNG.**—There is plenty of stone on Hawaii for building purposes and for the breakwater work, but it costs money to get the right kind. I know, for I had to furnish the right kind of stone for a portion of the breakwater at Hilo.

**JUDGE WILLIAM L. WHITNEY.**—One thing which has been worrying me since our return from our fishing trip to Kuliouou is where Chief Hopkins secured the chicken which was served with salad at the fish chowder supper he prepared for us Friday night.

**C. MORIYAMA.**—Honolulu is plenty good enough for me. When I found that Guy M. Green was going to book the boys as an Indian team on the mainland, I concluded to hang around the old fireside for awhile yet.

**WALTER F. DILLINGHAM.**—Sure we will compete in the next Pacific Coast championship polo games on the mainland and we hope to do a whole lot better. But at that, I don't think any one can complain of our past performances.

**BARON VON WOELLWORTH.**—I am glad to notice that the Honolulu folks are taking considerable interest in horseback riding and well they should, for there is no better place in the world than Honolulu for just such recreation.

**FARRANT TURNER.**—Punahou College swimming team isn't going to take a back seat from any one in the aquatic meet next month. Fully twenty of my boys will be entered and we will show the folks we know something about swimming.

**O. A. STEVEN.**—Why don't the members of the Hawaiian Promotion Committee show Cressy and Dayne some real photos of Honolulu so they can do away with those old coconut tree scenes and ancient pictures which they are showing here and on the mainland.

**"PROMOTION" WOOD.**—I cannot believe there is anything in the report about the abandonment of the Pearl Harbor site for dry-dock purposes. If there is, then the commercial organizations should immediately get busy and put in their say about it at Washington. We want the drydock at Pearl Harbor.

**SAMUEL D. HAUSEMAN.**—Though perhaps it pains your conscience to take the pauper's oath, believe me the mental suffering is not to be compared with that which comes from wearing stripes and watching the waves break from a cell in Warden Henry's house out on the reef.

**FRED TURRILL.**—The Memorial Day exercises held in Honolulu Friday would do credit to the average American city. Little did I think half a century ago I would be a central figure in the services of the kind held in Honolulu this year. Say, but things do move!

**JUDGE J. M. MONSABAT.**—Some folks believe that police court environs are not conducive to uplift stuff, but something of that order seems to have inoculated me. As an example, last week, I could not find it in my heart to convict a Japanese of malicious injury because the water he had used to moisten his plants drenched the store beneath.

**EDWARD DEKUM.**—I've found a new road to wealth. As there is no quick money in sugar stocks I am trying real estate.

**M. A. SILVA.**—I think a little more general doffing of hats as the Colors go by would improve our Americanism. There was a sad absence of this courtesy to the flag noticeable during Friday's patriotic parade.

**WILL YOUNG.**—Young Brothers Launch Company started from very small beginnings about twelve years ago. In fact, we almost commenced with a row boat and then got a gasoline engine that had been used in The Advertiser office and gradually built up. The launch Waterwitch was our first big vessel and we've had that for about ten years.

**GENERAL FUNSTON.**—Me the dark horse for the governorship! Well, I've enough troubles of my own in a military way without adding more of a civil nature. Anyhow, I'm not a resident of the islands and I don't have to break the Organic Act wide open to let me in. So I guess there's little chance of having me as Governor or Governor General.

**ED. TOWSE.**—After July 1 there will be no more free garbage service in Kaimuki, the supervisors having decided the "Red-Hill-ers" must pay out of their pockets for this accommodation. I understand there was a disposition to appropriate \$19,000 for free garbage in Honolulu, but this has been abandoned so the money may be placed to better advantage in road building.

**D. L. CONKLE.**—The transport Thomas, now in port, attained fame about twelve years ago as the "school m'am troopship," when it carried several hundred school teachers to Manila. The day the troopship arrived in Honolulu ministers were kept busy and twenty couples were united in marriage. When the Thomas arrived at Manila there was another epidemic of weddings.

**SIDNEY JORDAN.**—Just because I've taken charge of the promotion work during Mr. Wood's absence on the mainland is no reason why the tourist business should not keep up just as good as ever. **JAMES L. COKE.**—A man never knows that he is not as young as he used to be until a newspaper publishes an old-time cut of him and then he certainly wants to kill the editor.

**MRS. BLANCHE WOTKINS.**—One of the reasons people violate laws in Honolulu is because they do not know of the existence of the statutes which they violate. Thanks to Chief McDuffie, Pacific Heights is now a paradise. The barking dogs of Paua Valley have quit their night noises and life is now worth living. This has been brought about by Chief McDuffie having his officers tell the owners of dogs that they must keep the animals quiet.

**REAR ADMIRAL MOORE, U. S. N.**—There is nothing in this statement that the drydock work at Pearl Harbor is to be abandoned. No reports have yet been filed which would give rise to any such statement. The report of the naval board of which Civil Engineer Gayler, U. S. N., is in charge at Pearl Harbor, has not completed its investigations and, therefore, there can be no truth in the alleged statement. My own belief is that the dock will be built at Pearl Harbor.

## Mischief Making

Altogether too much stress has been laid on a series of coincidences in connection with the latest phase of an effort—honorable alike to the United States and Japan—to reach an amicable settlement of the difficulties involved in California's Alien Land Bill, says the New York Herald.

First in mischance, because of its carelessness, was the alleged conference. All this resulted from a meeting at the White House of the acting secretary of state with the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy at the same hour and soon after the Japanese ambassador had received a copy of Governor Johnson's declination to veto the land bill.

Next were the assumed hurry orders—probably routine in character—for two companies of coast artillery to proceed to Honolulu. Think of this as a wonderful addition to our force in the islands! Two companies of artillery!—even though in all seriousness we are reckoning with the proved efficiency and notable discipline of this admirable corps of gunners. The highest authority declares, moreover, that no conference was ordered, that the meeting of the three officials was accidental and that no external significance attaches to it. And, in truth, why should it have any significance? What has it to do with war and who wants war? Certainly not Japan, surely neither our people nor the administration.

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